

Amendment No. 1 to SB1978

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1978**

**House Bill No. 1692\***

By deleting all language after the enacting clause of the introduced bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is created a special joint committee to study issues relative to the official recognition of tribes, bands or groups of Native American Indian people by this state and the requirements and process for attaining official state recognition.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of six (6) members, including three (3) members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house, and three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate.

SECTION 3. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 4. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6 The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred sixth general assembly no later than February 1, 2010, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.